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SUBJECT: HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION

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1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED PRESENT STATUS MISSION WITH MINISTRY OF HEALTH. MINISTRY LOOKING FORWARD TO MISSION AND MINISTER HIMSELF PLANS RECEIVE GROUP DURING ITS STAY IN RABAT. AS FOR PARTICIPANT LIST, MINISTRY OFFICIALS FIND IT GENERALLY GOOD, BUT QUESTION INCLUSION HILL-ROM SINCE ALMOST ALL HOSPITAL FURNITURE USED IN MOROCCO ALREADY MANUFACTURED LOCALLY. THEY ALSO ASK IF COMPANY OFFERING X-RAY EQUIPMENT COULD BE ADDED; FRENCH AND GERMANS DOMINATE THIS MARKET AT PRESENT, AND MINISTRY WOULD WELCOME SOME COMPETITION.

2. CONGEN CASABLANCA WILL ADVISE SEPARATELY RE BROCHURE TRANSLATION AND PRINTING (USDOC 3995).

3. MISSION HAS CHOICE OF DEPARTING CASABLANCA FOR ALGIERS 0900 FRIDAY, MAY 17 (AIR ALGERIE 4233), 1200 SAME DAY (AIR ALGERIE 4231), OR 1840 SUNDAY, MAY 19 (TUNIS AIR 712). RECOMMEND LATTER IN ORDER HAVE TWO FULL DAYS FOR BUSINESS IN CASABLANCA. MEMBERS INTERESTED COULD USE WEEKEND TO VISIT MARRAKECH OR OTHER TOURIST POINTS IN SOUTHWESTERN MOROCCO.

4. FOURTEEN SINGLES PLUS DIRECTOR'S SUITE BOOKED RABAT HILTON NIGHTS MAY 11-15, AND EL MANSOUR, CASABLANCA, NIGHTS MAY 16-18. LAST NIGHT CONTINGENT ON FINAL DECISION DEPARTURE DATE. PLEASE

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